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Hi Nicole,

I unfortunately missed the deadline for submissions on the above (by one day)

I would like to state my general comment that the proposed new standards are less stringent than the current ones (which is unfortunate).

There would appear to be a shift of balance favouring the freedom of expression over the protection of interested groups.

That society's standards have slipped is without doubt.

Do broadcasting standards have to be relaxed accordingly?

Another question is will the relaxation of broadcasting standards further encourage standards in general to drop?

The media and particularly the visual media have a powerful influence on society's attitudes and subsequent behaviour. Self interest (ie money) not the interests of society dictates their actions.

I have one further concern – ie that the media in general have a decided bias towards what could be coined “liberal” views.

This is seen mostly in the areas of morality (abortion, gay rights and euthanasia). I would like to hear/see “conservative” opinions expressed to provide balance.

Surely this is the main objective of the BSA.

I hope my comments can still be taken into account.

Yours sincerely
Terry Kavanagh